

**NEW JERSEY NOISE CONTROL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009
MINUTES**

NCC Attendees

Joe Lepis (Chairman), John Kapferer (Vice Chairman), Randy Hauser (DOL), John Surmay (NCC-Local Gov. Body), Steve Szulecki (NCC-Ecologist-pending confirmation), Dr. Iris Udasin (NCC-Medical Doctor), Arnold Schmidt (Public Member), Carl Accettola (Public Member-pending confirmation), Eric Zwerling (RNTAC), David Triggs (NJDEP)

It should be noted that the meeting took place at the Rutgers University Cook College Operator Training Center due to new fee requirements at the Rutgers Labor Education Building. All subsequent 2009/2010 meetings have been scheduled for the Operator Training Center.

Minutes

The meeting minutes for June were not approved as the recording secretary Jerome Feder was not present and copies were not available to review.

Chairman Report

Chairman Lepis will attend the November League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City to answer noise questions at the tabletop session. The Council will not be giving a presentation this year.

The Council welcomed new candidate member Carl Accettola. Mr. Accettola has an extensive background in civil service which includes government grant writing, procurement and government regulations as an employee of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. His participation as a public member of the Noise Council should be invaluable.

A subcommittee was formed with Arnold Schmidt, John Surmay and John Kapferer to discuss candidates for chair and vice chair of the Council. They will meet prior to the next meeting and will present names by the November meeting.

New Jersey Motorsports Park

David Triggs of the DEP reported that he was contacted by a citizens group called "Track Racket" who believe the noise created by the New Jersey Motorsports Park in Millville New Jersey is excessive and lowers their quality of life. They have requested to meet with the Council to discuss their goals and objectives and to receive advice on how to proceed. The Council invited the group to attend the October 13th meeting.

Stationary Emergency Sirens

David Triggs of the DEP conveyed concerns regarding the need for stationary emergency sirens based on their placement adjacent to schools and playgrounds. While the noise regulations do have 250 foot setbacks for these receptors in some instances, the noise levels still can be excessive and disruptive. The Council agreed that the timing might be right to re-evaluate the need for these devices since they are beginning to revise the noise

regulations. Modern technology such as pagers, cell phones and blackberries might make stationary sirens obsolete. Eric Zwerling, Chairman of the Rutgers Noise Technical Assistance Center may write an article on the subject. The Council may also issue a statement to the League of Municipalities at their annual conference.

Model Noise Ordinance

The Council continued to revise the Model Noise Ordinance. The discussion focused mainly on whether to leave the enforcement section as is or reference the noise regulations. One issue that needs to be resolved is the definition of minor/non-minor as well as grace period. Council member Steve Szulecki will work on this.

NEXT MEETING

October 13th

Respectfully submitted: David Triggs, NJDEP